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Dear Friend,

Like you, I am always obliged to write in haste. But even your flying epistles are always most welcome; and I shall expect you to be duly grateful for mine, though they are purely on business.

In the first place, I would be glad to know what Garrison & the Mass. friends would like to have me do about Kosoff's Liberator. It would not of course be proper for the National Organ to enter into sectional controversies; but is it necessary, or wise, to meddle with the subject at all?

I had sent me from the Fair an autograph of Clarkson. As I had one before, I am desirous to exchange it for one of father Matthew. Can you help me in this matter? If you will send me Matthew's, I will return Clarkson's; otherwise, I would like to keep it, in hopes



of effecting a change elsewhere.

Did the autograph of Geo. Fox sell? If it did not, what do you expect to get for it?

I smiled at your hope that I should "meet Lord Mospett," for I thought you must be little aware what an obscure and altogether unnotic'd existence I lead here.

I never in my whole life was so lonely. I literally see nobody but Isaac Puffer's and J. S. Gibbons' families.

I felt vexed enough to "lean up against a post and damn everybody," to think there was not one in all Boston, who would write a pretty, picturesque account of the Fair for the Star- and. I think it was a burning shame. I did not have my money's worth for blowing the trumpet before-hand - that I did not. Blow your trumpet yourself, next time.

Did the Anti-Slavery Gem



sell, or not? I am curious to know.

I wish Ann or Caroline would send me that No. of Edin. Review, about the two young men in a Scotch tavern, who first conceived the idea of missions, from arguing the text, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." I will see that it is safely returned, or they may extract as much as relates to those two young men and missions.

It is impossible for me to be at your meeting. I wish I could. I received the enclosed autographs from E. Sturge, via Boston, after the Fair, to which they were a donation.

I rejoice to hear so favorable accounts of your good husband. I hope he will not be too venturesome.

In great haste, and true friendship,

Yrs L. M. C.



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